Sanction of gas for gas-based thermal power station at Vijjeswaram, Andhra Pradesh

846. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gas allocation was made for gas-based thermal power s tation at Vijjeswaram stage II in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) It has been decided to allocate gas for two new gas based power stations in the Krishna-Godavari Basin, one to be set up by NTPC and the other to be set up in the State Sector. This is subject to confirmation that APSEB would be in a position to allocate adequate lands for implementing the project.

((c) Does not arise.

Coal linkage to Manuguru Super Thermal Power Station from Talcher and Ib-Valley coalfields

847. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have requested the Central Government to give coal linkage from Talcher or Ib-Valley coalfields to the Manuguru Super Thermal Power Station till such time coal linkage from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. is established; and

(b) if so, what is the Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh Government have requesteld for coal linkage for four Thermal Power Station (TPS) including Manuguru Super Thermal Power Station (STPS) for benefits during the Eighth Plan period. Of these linkage has already been given for Muddanur TPS from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL). For Vijayawada TPS Stage-III coal linkage has been confirmed from Ib. Valley coalfield of Orissa. For another Power Station viz. Visakhapatnam TPS, linkage is being considered for the first unit from either Talcher or Ib-Valley coalfields to be effective from early part of the Ninth Plan Period. Manuguru STPS is proposed as a pit-head Power Station based on coal supply from SCCL. However, the coal production in SCCL is not sufficient to meet this additional requirement after meeting the demand already committed on this Company. From logistic point of view, it will be irrational to provide linkage to the proposed Manuguru STPS from Talcher or Ib-Valley Coalfields.

Pending hydel power projects of Andhra Pradesh

848. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the hydel power projects in Andhra Pradesh which are pending with the Central Government for their clearance; and

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in their clearance?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Status of small and large Hydel Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh submitted

for/awaiting clearanct of the Central Government are as follows:—

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Installed Capacity	Present Status
1.	Jalaput	18 MW	The State Govt. have been requested to resolve the inter-state aspects.
2.	Singur	15 MW	Environmental clearance and inter-state aspects are yet to be resolved.
3.	Velugudu BR . . .	10 MW	Comments have been sent to APSEB on transmission, Tele-Com., Construction and Mechanical aspects in Nov., 1989, Cost Engineering Civil Design aspects in Dec, 1989 and Planning aspects in January, 1990. Replies awaited.
4.	Kakatiya Canal . . .	3 MW	Comments on Planning, Transmission & Irrigation aspects sent to APSEB in Dec., 1989. Replies awaited.
5.	Priyadarshini Jurala . .	221.4 MW	Comments sent to APSEB on transmission aspects (March, 1989) Electrical Design (March, 1990), Cost Engineering (April, 90) and Irrigation aspects (April, 90) and Planning aspects (May, 90) Replies are awaited.
6.	Nagarjuna PSS (Tail Pond Dam) . . .	30 MW	Comments sent on transmission aspects (May, 1990) and planning aspects suggesting enhanced I.C. of 2x25 MW instead of proposed 2x15MW forwarded (July, 1990) to APSEB. Replies awaited.
7.	Somasila	10 MW	Report is under examination in Central Electricity Authority.

National isation of Bengal Potteries Limited

849. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of Bengal Potteries Limited;

(b) whether Government are contemplating for its nationalisation;

(c) whether Government have accepted the Tata Consultancy Report in this connection; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) On a writ petition filled by the Bengal Potteries Workers and Others, the Calcutta High Court has stayed the implementation of the Central Government's decision of denotification of M/s. Bengal Potteries Limited and *status-quo* was maintained. The case is *sub-judice* since then.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The decision to denotify the undertaking was taken only after the Central Government, having considered the report of the Tata Economic Consultancy Services (TECS) and various other options for revival, had come to the conclusion that it was not possible to make it economically viable.

Losses suffered by Indian Airlines due to bird hits

850. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has suffered losses worth crores of rupees due to bird hits during the last six months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;